

## **PART II: REGIMENTAL CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS**

### **Regimental Museum**

The Third Cavalry Museum is considered a part of the Regimental Headquarters. Founded in 1933, the Museum is dedicated to the officers and Troopers of the Regiment. The history, customs, and traditions of the Regiment from 1846 to the present day are interpreted through the Museum's extensive collection of photographs, documents, and historical property.

It is the responsibility of all commanders to ensure that all newly assigned members of their units visit the Museum shortly after their arrival. The Museum is presently located in building 2160. Call 526-1040 or 526-2028 for operating hours.



*Iron men...Iron horses!*

*Drawings by Randy Steffen and Don Greer*

## Regimental Insignia

### Coat of Arms

The Regimental Coat of Arms for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment was originally approved for the 3d Cavalry Regiment on 7 May 1921. The Coat of Arms was redesignated for the 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized on 28 February 1945. On 18 December 1951, the Coat of Arms was once again redesignated, this time for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment. The Coat of Arms was amended to revise its symbolism on 27 June 1960. On 21 February 1974 the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment was issued a formal Grant of Arms by the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry.

### Blazon

**Shield:** Vert (green), on a cross argent (silver) a tower of the field (green) on a chief or (gold) bend gules (red).

**Crest:** On a wreath of the colors argent (silver) and vert (green) a trumpet palewise (vertical) or (gold).

**Motto:** Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and have come out steel!



## **Symbolism**

The Regiment's original green facings on the uniform and its gold trumpet insignia are shown by the color of the shield and by the crest. The unit's first engagement was the capture of Vera Cruz, and its continued with especially distinguished service throughout the campaign of 1847 to the capture of Mexico City. Upon entering the city, it hoisted the Stars and Stripes over the national palace and displayed the regimental standard from the palace balcony, which drew from General Scott the statement, "Brave Rifles! Veterans! You have been baptized in fire and blood and come steel."\* The campaign is shown by the cross for Vera Cruz and the tower in green (the Mexican color) for fortified Mexico City, the first and last engagements thereof. The chief, taken from the arms of Lorraine, commemorates the Regiment's World War I service.

\*It has since been determined that General Scott actually made this statement in a speech to the Regiment at Contreras, rather than in Mexico City. See Appendix G for the full text of the speech.

## **Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia**

The original branch insignia of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen was a trumpet rather than the crossed sabers of the dragoon regiments, the only other mounted units in the Army at that time. This trumpet surmounts the crest on the Regimental Coat of Arms and appears on the present day Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia, which is shown below. Affectionately known as the "Bug" due to its shape, this distinctive insignia was originally approved for the 3d Cavalry Regiment on 25 November 1922, and amended to revise its description on 5 January 1923. On 18 December 1951, this insignia was redesignated for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

## **Symbolism**

The green facing on the distinctive uniform authorized for the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen in 1851 and its gold trumpet insignia are shown by the color of the shield and by the crest. The unit's first engagement was the capture of Vera Cruz, and it continued with especially distinguished service throughout the campaign of 1847 to the capture of Mexico City. Upon entering the city, it hoisted the Stars and Stripes over the national palace and displayed the regimental standard from the palace balcony. The campaign is shown by the cross for Vera Cruz and the tower of green (the Mexican National Color) for fortified Mexico City, the first and last engagements thereof. The chief, or red diagonal band, is taken from the arms of Lorraine, and memorializes the Regiment's service in the First World War.



*Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia*

### **Description**

A green enameled metal device 1 1/16th inches in width consisting of a gold colored metal trumpet, mouthpiece up, entwined vertically with a cord, surmounting a green enamel scroll arced on the left and the right and looped below the trumpet inscribed "BRAVE" on the viewer's left and "RIFLES" on the viewer's right, and the numeral "3" centered on the lower segment, all in gold colored metal.

***NOTE: IT IS A VIOLATION OF BOTH ARMY POLICY AND TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 701 TO ALTER MILITARY INSIGNIA FOR ANY REASON. Persons or organizations needing graphic examples of any 3d ACR insignia should use only the original designs rather than attempting to create their own versions. Approved versions may be obtained from the Third Cavalry Museum.***

### **Regimental Shoulder Sleeve Insignia**

The shoulder sleeve insignia for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment was officially authorized by the Department of the Army on 12 June 1967.



*Regimental Shoulder Sleeve Insignia*

### **Description**

On a green disk with 1/8 inch border, 2 3/4 inch diameter overall; a yellow trumpet bound with a gray cord and with mouthpiece up, in front of and extending above a green scroll; edged in yellow and bears the 'BRAVE' to the left of the trumpet in gray lettering, and 'RIFLES' to the right of the trumpet in gray lettering. The numeral '3' in gray is centered below the trumpet bell. The device on the disk is similar to the Regimental Distinctive Unit insignia. The colors, green and yellow refer to the uniform with green facings and the gold trumpet insignia authorized the Regiment in the uniform regulations of 1851. The words "BRAVE RIFLES" are derived from the accolade given to the Regiment by General Winfield Scott. The gray color of the letters and the numeral "3" simulates the color of steel and refers to the Regimental Motto, "Blood and Steel", which is also derived from the Regimental Accolade.

## **History of the Regimental Shoulder Sleeve Insignia**

The shoulder sleeve insignia was first worn by the members of the 3d Cavalry Group (Mechanized) of World War II. The Group never received any written authorization to develop and wear the patch. Instead, it received verbal permission of General George S. Patton, Jr., Commander of the Third U.S. Army. At the end of WWII the Regiment was required to remove its unauthorized shoulder sleeve insignia and wear in its place the shoulder patch of its next higher headquarters. However, the troopers continued to wear their distinctive unit patches on an unofficial basis on the left breast pockets of their fatigue uniforms. The Department of the Army finally authorized the wear of distinctive shoulder sleeve insignia for separate brigades and regiments in 1967.

The late General Polk (32nd Colonel) recalls:

...The regiment never received any formal correspondence authorizing the... wear of a regimental patch. ...Gen Patton asked me personally why no member of the regiment wore a patch... He then answered his own question by saying that he...supposed we did not enjoy particularly the wearing of a Third Army patch as it connoted support troops such as truck companies, engineer battalions and the like...

I then asked his permission to design a patch incorporating the 3d Cavalry “Bug”, the regimental insignia worn on our dress uniform. ...He readily agreed. ...

I have been challenged on occasion by officers with a statement that I am wearing an unauthorized patch. My reply has always been that the patch was authorized by General Patton personally and that I consider this good and sufficient authorization....

## **Symbolism**

The green scroll represents the green facings on the distinctive uniforms authorized for the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen in 1851. The uniform regulations of 1851 also authorized the trumpet as the unit insignia for the Regiment. The numeral “3” indicates that the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment is descended from the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, being numbered 3 because it was the third mounted unit in the Army, after the 1st and 2d Dragoons which became the 1st and 2d Cavalry Regiments in the reorganization of 1861.

## **Regimental Color**

The Regimental color is emerald green. This was the branch color of the Mounted Rifles and trimmed the distinctive uniforms worn from 1851 to 1861.

## **Regimental Motto**

The Regimental Motto is “Blood and Steel”. It derives from the Regimental Accolade.

## **Traditional Unit Designation**

The Traditional Unit Designation for the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment is “BRAVE RIFLES”. This designation, awarded to the Regiment for its many years of faithful and distinguished service, was officially granted to the Regiment by the Secretary of the Army on 19 January 1977.

## Other Customs and Traditions

### Regimental Abbreviation

Since August of 1861, when using the numeral “3” in stead of the word “Third”, the proper form is “3d” with a small case “d”. **An upper case “D” is never used, nor are “R”, “r” or “3ACR”.**

### Regimental Greeting

The Regimental greeting is rendered by all enlisted troopers to officers and by junior officers to senior officers. The greeting is exchanged as follows:

Junior individual exclaims: *“Brave Rifles, Sir (or Ma’am)!”*

Senior individual responds: *“Veterans!”*

### Regimental Battle Cry

*“AI-EE-YAH!”* is the Regimental Battle Cry. It symbolizes the cry of the Cavalry Trooper charging into battle. It has evolved into a form of slang used by members of the Regiment, referring to or meaning anything and everything except “no”.

### Regimental Accolade

This phrase, which originated with General Winfield Scott, has been adopted by the Regiment as its Accolade and is also the source of the Regimental Motto and the Regimental Greeting (see Appendix G). It is normally rendered by all personnel prior to passing in review during parades, and prior to dismissal from some formations. It is rendered in the following manner:

Regimental, Squadron, or Troop Commander: *“Prepare for the Regimental Accolade!”*

Squadron, Troop Commander or Platoon Leader: *“Prepare to sound off!”*

Regimental, Squadron, or Troop Commander: *“Brave Rifles!”*

All personnel respond: *“Veterans!”*

Regimental, Squadron, or Troop Commander: *“Blood and Steel!”*

All personnel respond: *“AH-EE-YAH!”*

### Regimental Standard

The organizational flag of a mounted unit has traditionally been referred to as a “standard”, as opposed to the term “colors” which has been used to refer to organizational flags of foot units. The regimental standard is the single most visible, symbolic representation of the Regiment. The standard and its companion National Colors are displayed in the Regimental Commander’s office, and are carried in all Regimental ceremonies and formations.

When a new standard is issued, the old one is retired from service and placed in the Third Cavalry Museum. All the Regimental Standards that are known to exist are part of the Museum’s collection, beginning with the second Standard, which dates from 1848. The first Standard was presented to Congress at the conclusion of the Mexican War and has since disappeared.

**Possession of colors and guidons by private individuals and organizations is a violation of Federal Law 10 USC 4565. Giving a flag as a memento constitutes a felony. A copy of 10 USC 4565 is available at the JAG office.**

### **Regimental Pass in Review**

The command to pass the Regiment, or any element thereof, in review during a parade ceremony is given in the following manner:

Reviewing officer: *“Brave Rifles – pass in review!”*

### **Regimental Saber of Command**

The Saber of Command has traditionally represented the authority of the Regimental Commander. At a Regimental change of command ceremony, the Saber of Command is passed from the outgoing Commander to the incoming Commander, thus signifying the relinquishment, transfer, and assumption of command of the Regiment. The Saber of Command is displayed in the Regimental Commander’s office.

### **Command Lineage**

It is customary for the Regimental Commander and the Regimental Command Sergeant Major to sign all correspondence in such a manner as to indicate their number in chronological succession of command or responsibility, e.g. “68th Colonel”, or XIVth Command Sergeant Major”.

### **Order of the Spur**

The Spur Program was created to recognize those Troopers and officers who have demonstrated a level of professional expertise, which exceeds that expected of other soldiers in the Army. The quest for admittance to the Order of the Spur, ending with the Spur Ride, is an essential part of the development of all cavalymen. Successful completion of the Spur program results in the award of a pair of spurs and membership in the Order. While participation is strictly voluntary, spurs are highly sought after and are a highly visible symbol of the qualities of professional excellence that all cavalymen strive to achieve.

### **Order of the Garter**

When a newly assigned officer or senior NCO is hailed by his unit, his lady is also welcomed and enrolled into the Order of the Garter. The lady receives a yellow garter with blue ribbon and a certificate of enrollment.

### **Regimental Color Guard and Color Bearers**

Regimental Color Guard members are selected from different units in the Regiment by the Regimental Command Sergeant Major. The Regimental Color Sergeant is traditionally provided by Troop F in memory of Sergeant James Manley of Company F, Regiment of Mounted Riflemen. Sergeant Manley carried the National Colors in the Regiment’s assault on Chapultepec and later raised the same flag over the Mexican National Palace in Mexico City.



### **Organization Day**

Each year, the Regiment celebrates its anniversary with a series of activities and events intended to recall its history, customs, and traditions. The Regiment first celebrated Organization Day on 19 May 1921. 19 May was the day on which the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen was authorized by an Act of Congress in 1846. Though on 14 July 1967, the Department of the Army officially recognized 12 October as Unit Day for the 3d ACR in recognition of its formal organization at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri on 12 October 1846, the anniversary is usually celebrated in May.

The celebration typically includes a field day in which units of the Regiment compete against each other in a series of military and athletic competitions, a Regimental Ball, and a Regimental formation. At this formation, the Regimental Commander may give a short address to the troops, followed by a summation of the regimental history, battle honors, and Medal of Honor recipients.

### **Reporting for Duty and Leaving the Regiment**

Immediately after an officer or senior NCO is assigned to the Regiment, it is customary for a letter of welcome to be dispatched from the Regiment to the individual. In the case of an officer, the letter is sent by the Regimental Commander, while the letter of welcome for an NCO is sent by the Regimental Command Sergeant Major. These letters usually enclose such information as may be desirable for orienting the individual and facilitating his or her immediate adjustment to probable new duties and new station.

All new officers normally report to the Regimental Adjutant and then are interviewed at an appropriate time by the Regimental Commander, who will orient new officers as to the mission and organization of the Regiment. When departing the Regiment, whether for civilian life or a new duty assignment, it is customary for all officers to pay their respects in person to the Regimental Commander.

### **Change of Command**

A change of command is a formal ceremony conducted within the Regiment whenever a new commander takes command of a unit. Change of command ceremonies for troop/company/battery size units are normally conducted at squadron formations. A Squadron Change of command is usually performed at a squadron formation and when the Regiment changes commanders, the entire Regiment is usually turned out.

After the ceremony, a reception is held so that guests and members of the command may congratulate the new commander and his or her spouse. As soon as possible following his assumption of command, the new Regimental Commander addresses all assigned members of the Regiment in separate assemblies, usually at Squadron level.

### **Regimental March**

The official march of the Regiment is "*Brave Rifles*", by C. Campagna. This march was composed in 1937 and dedicated to the Regiment during the command of Kenyon A. Joyce, 26th Colonel, while the Regiment was stationed at Ft. Myer, Virginia. The march is customarily played at all Regimental ceremonies and formations where the Regiment passes in review.

### **Regimental Song**

The Regimental Song is “Green Grow the Rushes, Ho!” The exact circumstances by which the Regiment selected this song as its very own have been lost to history. It is tradition, though not established fact, that the term "Gringo", a slang term often used by the people of Latin America when referring to Americans, originated from this song. Supposedly the Mexican populace heard the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen singing while on the march during its campaigns in the Mexican War and derived the word "Gringo" from the phrase "Green Grow". The new label was first applied to the Mounted Riflemen, then to all American troops, eventually becoming universally applied to all Americans.

All the verses of this song as sung by the Regiment have been lost to history. The original twelve verses dating back to the Middle Ages are still in existence, but they are basically religious in nature, and soldiers have never been known to be very pious, particularly when it has come to composing and singing verses for their marching and drinking songs. In all probability, the original words parodied Burns' lyrics who's chorus was: “The sweetest hours that ere' I spent were spent among the lasses, O!”

### **Dining In**

Approximately once a quarter, the officers and selected NCOs of the Regiment meet for a Dining In or Formal Mess Night. Instituted as a custom in the 3d ACR during the 1950's, the Dining In provides an opportunity for the officers and NCOs to participate in the ceremony and tradition integral to the life of a cavalry unit.

### **Regimental Toast**

The Regimental Toast is customarily offered by the Regimental Commander to the officers of the Regiment at a Formal Mess Night. The origin of this toast dates from the 1960's when the Regiment was stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany. The author is unknown. The Regimental Toast is given in the following manner:

I propose a toast:

To the Brave Rifles who charged for General Winfield Scott at Chapultepec, who were baptized in fire and blood and came out steel and who raised the colors of victory over President Santa Ana's Palace.

To the Mounted Riflemen who rode westward from Missouri to the Pacific, opening and protecting the Oregon Trail and securing the frontiers of our advancing civilization.

To the Cavalry veteran who protected the Texas Territory, fought bravely in the Indian Wars, and rode in the bitter fighting of the War Between the States.

To the Cavalryman who fought victoriously in Cuba, in the Philippines and in France during WWI.

To the Cavalryman who fought victoriously in Cuba, in the Philippines and in France during WWI. To the Mechanized trooper who, as a "Ghost" of Patton's Army, provided the sharp point to the spear which pierced the heart of Germany. And to the Constabulary Trooper who guarded the uneasy peace along the frontiers of the free world.

And too, to the Armored Cavalryman who was rushed to Europe to help tip the balance of force against the Cold War threats of our country's enemies.

Yes, I propose a toast to many men--many Brave Rifles who are as one. I propose a toast to that dedicated fighting professional, the Trooper of the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

### **Births in the Regiment**

When a baby is born to an officer of the Regiment, the event is commemorated by the presentation of a silver baby cup appropriately inscribed and engraved with the Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia.

### **Deaths in the Regiment**

When the Regiment is in garrison and one of its officers or troopers passes away, memorial services are held in the Chapel by the unit to which the individual was assigned. The Squadron Chaplain conducts the services and honors are rendered according to the rank of the deceased. It is customary for the Regimental Commander, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and the respective Squadron Commander and Squadron Command Sergeant Major to be in attendance.

When the Regiment is engaged in combat operations, away from its home base, besides the services conducted in theater, services are conducted in the home base chapel by the rear detachment and installation chaplain office. Maximum participation at these services is encouraged to show support for the members of the Regiment while they are away.

### **Regimental Grace**

The origin of this blessing is unknown, having been lost to history. It is normally presented by the Regimental Chaplain prior to the serving of the dinner at a Dining in. It reads as follows:

Most Gracious God, who hast enriched thy creation with many blessings, we now evoke Thy presence with all Brave Rifles gathered about these tables. May the food so plenteously supplied to us cause us to renew our expressions of Thanksgiving to Thee. May the strength received from this food nourish our spiritual body.

Bless those who have prepared this food and those about to partake of it, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

## **Regimental Prayer**

The author of the original Regimental Prayer is unknown. It is normally presented by the Regimental Chaplain at the conclusion of a dining in. The prayer was revised in 1965 by E. A. Simon, the Regimental Chaplain, to read as follows:

Almighty and Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, we come to thee now through thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, asking thee to hear and honor our prayer. We thank thee, our Father, for thy continual guidance over the destiny of our Regiment of Mounted Riflemen and pray that each trooper will faithfully follow thy direction throughout his life.

We beseech thee to help us always to be worthy of those glorious achievements, inherited from our forefathers and which are now entrusted to us.

With thy divine assistance, may we carry our colors with courage, honor, and distinction.

We ask thee to guide our leaders, bless our troopers and cause all of us who serve thee to be faithful to thy name. In times of combat, may our arms be victorious over our enemies, so that a just and lasting peace may come to the world.

And Lord, when our final Taps is sounded, may each Brave Rifleman, who knew and served thee in this life, be called before thy throne to receive their eternal award. These things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
AMEN.

## **Weddings in the Regiment**

At wedding ceremonies for officers of the Regiment, it is customary for an arch of cavalry sabers to be formed by the groomsmen outside the chapel entrance, under which the newlyweds pass when departing the chapel. It is also customary for the officer and his new bride to be presented with a wedding tray inscribed with the Regimental Distinctive Unit Insignia. *NOTE: the Third Cavalry Museum does not provide the sabers for these ceremonies.*

## **Holidays**

On New Year's Day it is customary for officers of the Regiment and their spouses to call on their respective Squadron Commander and the Regimental Commander at their quarters at a specified time. On Thanksgiving and Christmas, all dining facilities hold an Open House for officers, troopers and their families and guests.

## **REGIMENTAL AWARDS**

There are several types of Regimental Awards given to officers, troopers and families of the Regiment.

### **Order of the Brave Rifles**

Upon departing the Regiment, officers are permanently enrolled as Troopers in the Order of the Brave Rifles. Under exceptional circumstances, distinguished civilian and military officers of the United States and foreign countries may be enrolled in the Order of the Brave Rifles as the "Bravest Rifle".

### **Honorary Squadron of Mounted Riflemen**

The Honorary Squadron of Mounted Riflemen recognizes significant contributions to the Regiment. The award consists of a mounted certificate awarded at a Punch Bowl Ceremony in the Regimental Conference Room. The recipient will have his/her name annotated in the rolls of the Honorary Squadron of Mounted Riflemen during the ceremony.

### **Regimental Coin of Excellence**

The 3d Armored Cavalry Regimental Coin of Excellence provides special recognition from the Regimental Commander or Commander Sergeant Major for outstanding training, duty performance, or special activity. Individuals are recognized on the spot for their outstanding efforts. Anyone associated with the Regiment is eligible, regardless of rank, specialty skill, or duty position and it may be awarded at any time and any place.

### **Certificate of Recognition**

Troopers departing the Regiment who have distinguished themselves during their period of service and who are recommended by their Commanders, are eligible to receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Regimental Commander. Awards are also presented to those individuals selected as Trooper and NCO of the Quarter and Trooper and NCO of the Year. The Regimental Command Sergeant Major oversees selection of the recipients.

### **Lady of the Brave Rifles**

The lady of a departing officer is accorded the honor of being enrolled as a Lady of the Brave Rifles. This honor recognizes her contribution in support of the Regiment through participation in family support groups and community activities on behalf of the Regiment.

## *Accolade to a Cav Lady*

*Ai-ee-yah!'s the cry of  
The 3d Armored Cav,  
A reminder of pride  
In the history we have.*

*So hold your head high  
You're a part of this clan,  
A Faithful Cav Lady  
Who stands by her man.*

*You've paid your dues,  
Lonely nights and long days,  
The wife of a soldier  
Seldom gets praise.*

*This memento is given  
With love's lusty yell,  
Ai-ee-yah! Brave Rifle!  
Godspeed and Farewell!*

## **Appendix A**

### **TRANSCRIPTION OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS ESTABLISHING THE REGIMENT OF MOUNTED RIFLEMEN**

The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment was originally organized and equipped as the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen. The Regiment was authorized by an act passed by the 29th Congress of the United States on 19 May 1846. This act, entitled "An Act to provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon," is reproduced here in its entirety:

#### **Twenty-ninth Congress of the United States;**

#### **At the first session,**

Begun and held at the City of Washington, the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

#### **AN ACT**

To provide for raising a regiment of mounted riflemen, and for establishing military stations on the route to Oregon.

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

"That there shall be raised one regiment of mounted riflemen, to be composed and organized as follows, to wit ... one colonel, one lieutenant colonel, one major, one quartermaster-sergeant, two chief buglers, and one adjutant who shall be a lieutenant, one sergeant major, one chief musician, and ten companies; each company shall consist of one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant, (exclusive of the adjutant lieutenant), four sergeants, four corporals, two buglers, one farrier, one blacksmith and sixty-four privates.

"Section 2. And be it further enacted. That the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates shall be entitled to the same pay and emoluments as are allowed to dragoons, and that the farrier and blacksmith shall receive the same pay and allowances as are allowed to an artificer of artillery.

"Section 3. And be it further enacted. That the said regiment of riflemen shall be subject to the rules of war, and shall be recruited in the same manner as other troops in the service of the

United States, and with same conditions and limitations; and the officers, noncommissioned officers, musicians, privates, blacksmiths and farriers shall be entitled to the same provisions for wounds and disabilities, and the same provisions for widows and children, and the same allowances and benefits in every respect, as are allowed to other troops composing the army of the United States.

“Section 4. And be it further enacted. That the non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates of said regiment, when employed in constructing fortifications, making surveys, cutting roads or performing other labor, shall be allowed fifteen cents a day each with a commutation in money for the extra spirit ration, as provided by the act of the second of March, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nineteen entitled "An act to regulate the pay of the army when on fatigue duty".

“Section 5. And be it further enacted. That the sum of seventy-six thousand five hundred dollars, for mounting and equipping said regiment, be, and the same hereby is appropriated, and a sum be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

“Section 6. And be it further enacted. That a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same hereby is appropriated, to defray the expenses of each military station or defense which the President may deem necessary on the line of communication with Oregon; and a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars for making compensation to the Indian tribes which may own or possess the ground on which the said station may be erected, and for each station.”



## **Appendix B**

### **CERTIFICATES OF LINEAGE AND HONORS**

The certificates attesting to a unit's lineage and honors are the most important documents relating to the history of that unit. Issued by the Department of the Army's Center of Military History, they are the unit's birth certificate, its deed to organizational properties, and its service record. While the original copies are in the Regimental Museum, the information contained on them has been reproduced here to aid you in tracing the history of the Regiment.

The 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment has received credit for participation in thirty-nine campaigns during the course of its history. It has been awarded a battle streamer for each of the thirty-nine campaigns. These streamers are affixed to the top of the staff on which the Regimental Standard is carried

#### **Lineage**

Constituted 19 May 1846 in the Regular Army as the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.  
Organized 12 October 1846 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Redesignated 3 August 1861 as 3d United States Cavalry.

Inactivated 15 July 1942 at Fort Benning, Georgia; personnel and equipment transferred to 3d Armored Regiment (see annex). Redesignated 18 January 1943 as 3d Cavalry, Mechanized.  
Activated 15 March 1943 at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

Regiment broken up 3 November 1943 and its elements reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Cavalry Group, Mechanized and the 3d and 43d Reconnaissance Squadrons, Mechanized.

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Cavalry Group, Mechanized, inactivated 22 December 1945 at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Activated 26 February 1946 at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Redesignated 5 November 1948 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Armored Cavalry; organization of the remainder of 3d Armored Cavalry completed 3 November 1948 by redefinition of elements of 3d and 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons, Mechanized and by reconstruction, redefinition, and activation of certain other elements of the 3d Cavalry which had been inactivated or demobilized 1921-1928.

3d, 777th, and 21st Tank Battalions (see annex) consolidated with 3d Armored Cavalry 8 January 1951. (Battalions and Companies redesignated Squadrons and Troops, 1 June 1960).

## **Annex**

3d Armored Regiment constituted 11 July 1942 in the Army of the United States and assigned to 10th Armored Division. Activated 15 July 1942 at Fort Benning, Georgia with personnel and equipment from 3d Cavalry.

Regiment broken up and its elements reorganized and redesignated 20 September 1943 as follows: 3d Armored Regiment (less 1st and 3d Battalions, Band, Maintenance, Service, and Reconnaissance Companies) as 3d Tank Battalion. 1st Battalion as 777th Tank Battalion and relieved from assignment to 10th Armored Division; 3d Battalion as 21st Tank Battalion; Reconnaissance Company, as Troop D, 90th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized (separate lineage); Band and Maintenance and Service Companies disbanded.

Above Battalions inactivated as follows: 3d Tank Battalion 13 October 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia. 777th Tank Battalion 24 October 1945 at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. 21st Tank Battalion 19 October 1945 at Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts.

3d, 777th, and 21st Tank Battalions consolidated 8 January 1951 with 3d Armored Cavalry; concurrently, 3d and 21st Tank Battalions relieved from assignment to 10th Armored Division.

## Appendix C

### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDITS

#### Regimental

##### Mexican War

Vera Cruz  
Cerro Gordo  
Contreras  
Churubusco  
Chapultepec  
Cruz 1847

##### Indian Wars

Comanches  
Cheyennes  
Utes  
Little Big Horn  
Texas 1856  
New Mexico 1857  
New Mexico 1858  
New Mexico 1860  
New Mexico 1861  
New Mexico 1867  
New Mexico 1869  
Oklahoma 1868  
Arizona 1870  
Arizona 1871  
Arizona 1882

##### Civil War

Chattanooga  
New Mexico 1861  
New Mexico 1862  
Alabama 1863  
Tennessee 1863  
Arkansas 1864

Vera

##### War With Spain

Santiago

##### Philippine Insurrection

Luzon 1899  
Luzon 1900  
San Fabian  
San Isidro

##### World War I

Without inscription

##### World War II

Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

##### Southwest Asia

Defense of Saudi Arabia  
Liberation and Defense of  
Kuwait  
*No OIF streamers approved  
at the time of printing*

## **Troops Entitled to Additional Campaign Participation Credits**

### **TROOP A**

Texas 1855	Pecos River, 7 January 1859
New Mexico 1859	Santa Teresa Mountains, 3 and 18 Dec 1859
Philippines 1901	Near Parar, Ilocos Norte, 21 February 1901

### **TROOP B**

Nebraska 1872	Loupe River, 26 April 1872
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### **TROOP C**

South Dakota 1877	Hay Creek, Near Deadwood, 23 February 1877
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### **TROOP F**

Texas 1869	Sangre Canyon, 22 April 1869
	Near San Augustine Pass, 15 August 1869
	Guadalupe Mountains, 18 November 1869
	Sanguinaria Canyon, Guadalupe Mountains, 26 December 1869
	Delaware Creek, Guadalupe Mountains, 30 December 1869

### **TROOP I**

Molino del Rey	Mexico, 8 September 1847
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## UNIT AWARDS

### Regimental

Distinguished Unit Citation, embroidered *BASTOGNE* (The name of this award was changed to “The Presidential Unit Citation” on 3 November 1966.)

3d Tank Battalion, 10th Armored Division (less Company C) and Company C, 21st Tank Battalion, 10th Armored Division “for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy.”

These units earned this award for their part in the defense of Bastogne, Belgium from 18 to 27 December, 1944 during the “Battle of the Bulge”. These units were made up of elements of the 3d (horse) Cavalry that were transferred to the 3d Armored Regiment in July 1942. They were consolidated with the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment on 8 January 1951.

Belgian Croix de Guerre (1940) With Palm, embroidered *BASTOGNE*

This decoration was awarded by the Belgian Government to the 3d Tank Battalion, 10th Armored Division (less Company C) and Company C, 21st Tank Battalion, 10th Armored Division for their part in the defense of Bastogne, Belgium from 18 to 27 December, 1944. These units were made up of elements of the 3d (horse) Cavalry and transferred to the 3d Armored Regiment in July 1942. They were consolidated with the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment on 8 January 1951. *Only those soldiers who actually participated in this battle are authorized to wear this award on their uniforms.*

Valorous Unit Award for OIF I (*citation and inscription not available at time of printing*)

## **Troops**

### **Present day Troop E (Troop B, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in WWII):**

Streamer, French Croix de Guerre (WWII) with Silver-Gilt Star, embroidered *MOSELLE* (see below)

Troop B, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized)

French Croix De Guerre With Silver-Gilt Star, awarded under Decision No. 247, 15 July 1946, by the President of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

“A magnificent shock troop, eager and of wonderful courage. It particularly distinguished itself on 5 November 1944, at the capture of Berg, which defended the crossing of the Moselle. It attacked, without artillery preparation, positions strongly held by a trained and fanatical enemy. In spite of gunfire which was annihilating its ranks, this unit gave proof of wonderful dash and, aided by tanks, captured the position. It held this position despite terrific bombardment. In the course of the mopping up, it took 17 prisoners.”

### **Present day Troop K (Troop C, 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in WWII):**

Streamer, French Croix de Guerre (WWII) with Palm, embroidered *LORRAINE* (see below)

Troop C, 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mechanized)

French Croix De Guerre With Palm, awarded under Decision No. 267, 22 July 1946, by the President of the provisional Government of the French Republic, with the following citation:

“A unit skilled in maneuvers, full of dash, which stood out by the bravery of its fighters. It distinguished itself particularly at Mars-la-Tour, where an enemy airdrome was recaptured with a considerable quantity of fuel, at Saint Private and Sainte Marie, by doing effective reconnaissance work for the 7th Armored Division, then in the capture of Metz, by neutralizing on the Vionville-Rezonville-Gravelotte-Rezerieulles Line, an important number of emplacements of heavy arms and again by bringing back valuable information about the enemy. By this series of daring and deep reconnaissance actions during the months of August and September 1944, this unit made it possible for the third U. S. Army to advance rapidly across France up to the Moselle.”

## **HHT, 4th Squadron and Troops N, O, P, Q, R, S, T:**

Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer Embroidered *SOUTHWEST ASIA*

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to: 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service:

4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry distinguished itself by outstanding meritorious performance for the period 23 September 1990 to 5 April 1991, while engaged in combat with Iraqi forces. The 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry screened the Easter flank of the XVIII Airborne Corps and maintained contact with the VII Corps. Throughout the campaign, units of the 4th Squadron were in continuous contact with the enemy as the Regiment plunged over 350 kilometers deep into Iraq and the heart of the Republican Guard. In all actions and engagements, the troopers of the 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry displayed the true Cavalry spirit, courage, and determination to find and defeat the enemy. The accomplishments of the 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry reflects great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

## **Army Superior Unit Award, Streamer Embroidered 1994**

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Army Superior Unit Award is awarded to: 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry for outstanding meritorious performance during peacetime of a difficult and challenging mission:

During the period 27 June 1994 to 1 December 1994, the 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry distinguished itself by excelling in sustainment and training functions while simultaneously planning for and executing major force modernization actions. Challenged with a National Training Center rotation and the continued testing of several new air defense command, control, communication and intelligence systems, the 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry executed flawless planning and coordination with a spirit, competence and professionalism unequalled in today's Army. The 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry's performance of these extraordinarily challenging missions, under arduous circumstances, is indicative of the outstanding devotion to duty, esprit de corps, selfless service and expertise of its members. The 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry's testing of the forward area air defense systems command, control, communication and intelligence system significantly impacted upon the entire Army. The outstanding accomplishments of the members of the 4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army."





## Appendix D

### REGIMENTAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS



*The Medal of Honor awarded to Corporal Charles A. Bessey.*

Fichter, Hermann	Private, Company F, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Whetstone Mountains, Arizona, 5 May 1871.
Kilmartin, John	Private, Company F, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Whetstone Mountains, Arizona, 5 May 1871.
Miller, Daniel H.	Private, Company F, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Whetstone Mountains, Arizona, 5 May 1871.
Mott, John	Sergeant, Company F, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Whetstone Mountains, Arizona, 5 May 1871.
Yount, John P.	Private, Company F, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Whetstone Mountains, Arizona, 5 May 1871.
Cody, William F.	Civilian Scout, Company B, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in

action at Loupe Fork, Platte River, Nebraska, 26 April 1872.  
(Medal rescinded by Act of Congress 21 April, 1916. Reinstated per findings of EEO Review Board 12 June 1989).

Foley, John H.	Sergeant, Company B, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Loupe Fork, Platte River, Nebraska, 26 April 1872.
Strayer, William H.	Private, Company B, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Loupe Fork, Platte River, Nebraska, 26 April 1872.
Vokes, Leroy H.	First Sergeant, Company B, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Loupe Fork, Platte River, Nebraska, 26 April 1872.
Glavinski, Albert	Blacksmith, Company M, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Powder River, Montana, 17 March 1876.
McGann, Michael A.	First Sergeant, Company F, 3d U. S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Rosebud Creek, Montana, 17 June 1876.
Murphy, Jeremiah	Private, Company M, 3d U. S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Powder River, Montana, 17 June 1876.
Robinson, Joseph	First Sergeant, Company D, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Rosebud Creek, Montana, 17 June 1876.
Shingle, John H.	First Sergeant, Company I, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Rosebud Creek, Montana, 17 June 1876.
Snow, Elmer A.	Trumpeter, Company M, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Rosebud Creek, Montana, 17 June 1876.
Kirkwood, John A.	Sergeant, Company M, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Slim Buttes, Dakota Territory, 9 September 1876.
Smith, Robert	Private, Company M, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Slim Buttes, Dakota Territory, 9 September 1876.
Bessey, Charles A.	Corporal, Company A, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action near Elkhorn Creek, Wyoming, 13 January 1877.
Lewis, William A.	Sergeant, Company B, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Bluff Station, Wyoming, 20-22 January 1877.
Morgan, George H.	2d Lieutenant, Company K, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Big Dry Wash, Arizona 17 July 1882.

Taylor, Charles	First Sergeant, Company D, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at Big Dry Wash, Arizona, 17 July 1882.
Walker, Allen	Private, Troop C, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action in Texas, 30 December 1891.
Heard, John W.	1st Lieutenant, 3d U.S. Cavalry. For gallantry in action at the mouth of the Manimani River, West of Bahia Honda, Cuba, 23 July 1898.



## **Appendix E**

### **REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS**

Persifor Frazer Smith	1st Colonel	1846-1857
William Wing Loring	2nd Colonel	1857-1860
John Smith Simonson	3rd Colonel	1860-1861
Marshall Saxe Howe	4th Colonel	1862-1866
William Nicholson Grier	5th Colonel	1866-1870
Joseph Jones Reynolds	6th Colonel	1870-1877
Thomas Casimer Devin	7th Colonel	1877-1878
Washington Lafayette Elliot	8th Colonel	1878-1879
Albert Gallatin Brackette	9th Colonel	1879-1891
Albert Payson Morrow	10th Colonel	1891-1892
Anson Mills	11th Colonel	1892-1895
Guy Vernor Henry	12th Colonel	1895-1897
Samuel Baldwin Marks Young	13th Colonel	1897-1900
Wirt Davis	14th Colonel	1900-1901
Albert Emmett Woodson	15th Colonel	1901-1903
Joseph Haddox Dorst	16th Colonel	1903-1911
Hugh Lennox Scott	17th Colonel	1911-1913
Augustus Perry Blocksom	18th Colonel	1913-1917
Francis Henry Beach	19th Colonel	1917-1918
Lloyd Milton Brett	20th Colonel	1919-1920

William Cannon Rivers	21st Colonel	1920-1923
Hamilton Smith Hawkins	22nd Colonel	1923-1926
William Jefferson Glasgow	23rd Colonel	1926-1927
Guy Vernor Henry Jr.	24th Colonel	1927-1930
Harry Newton Cootes	25th Colonel	1930-1933
Kenyon Ashe Joyce	26th Colonel	1933-1936
Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright	27th Colonel	1936-1938
George Smith Patton, Jr.	28th Colonel	1938-1940
William Whitelain Gordon	29th Colonel	1940-1941
Howell M. Estes	30th Colonel	1941-1942
Frederick Weed Drury	31st Colonel	1943-1944
James H. Polk	32nd Colonel	1944-1945
Walter Burnside	33rd Colonel	1946
C. H. Valentine	34th Colonel	1946-1947
Charles A. Sheldon	35th Colonel	1947-1949
Samuel L. Myers	36th Colonel	1949-1951
James Owen Curtis, Jr.	37th Colonel	1951-1952
Clay F. Bridgewater	38th Colonel	1952-1953
Edward W. Williams	39th Colonel	1954
Clyde L. Layne	40th Colonel	1954-1955
William A. Hamberg	41st Colonel	1955-1956
Robert Edward McCabe	42nd Colonel	1956-1957
Douglas P. Frazier	43rd Colonel	1957-1958

Emmet Robert White	44th Colonel	1958-1960
John B. Maxwell, III	45th Colonel	1960-1961
Donald H. Cowles	46th Colonel	1961-1963
John R. Barclay	47th Colonel	1963-1964
William J. Boehmer	48th Colonel	1964-1966
Thomas J. Hanifen	49th Colonel	1966-1967
Gerald V. Reberry	50th Colonel	1967-1968
Sidney Hack	51st Colonel	1968-1970
Kenneth W. Kock	52nd Colonel	1970-1972
Walter W. Plummer	53rd Colonel	1972-1973
David K. Doyle	54th Colonel	1973-1975
John M. Shea	55th Colonel	1975
Grail L. Brookshire	56th Colonel	1975-1977
Joseph C. Lutz	57th Colonel	1977-1978
Richard G. Cardillo	58th Colonel	1978-1980
William A. Fitzgerald, Jr.	59th Colonel	1980-1983
James B. Taylor	60th Colonel	1983-1985
James M. Lyle	61st Colonel	1985-1987
Jarret J. Robertson	62nd Colonel	1987-1989
Douglas H. Starr	63rd Colonel	1989-1991
Robert R. Ivany	64th Colonel	1991-1993
Robert M. Young	65th Colonel	1993-1994
Robert Wilson	66th Colonel	1994-1996

Martin E. Dempsey	67th Colonel	1996-1998
Christopher L. Baggot	68th Colonel	1998-2000
Anthony W. Harriman	69th Colonel	2000-2002
David A. Teeples	70th Colonel	2002-2004
H. R. McMaster	71st Colonel	2004-2006
Michael A. Bills	72nd Colonel	2006-



## **Appendix F**

### **REGIMENTAL COMMAND SERGEANTS MAJOR**

Ambrose R. Winans	I RCSM	1972-1974
Charles Bolling	II RCSM	1974-1975
Jacinto Vasquez	III RCSM	1975-1978
Elton R. Allen	IV RCSM	1978-1980
Jack H. Schmidt	V RCSM	1980-1982
Gunter H. Heibich	VI RCSM	1982-1984
Harvey L. Reed	VII RCSM	1984-1985
Bennie R. Causey	VIII RCSM	1985-1987
Howell W. Ramsey	IX RCSM	1987-1989
Dennis E. Worley	X RCSM	1989-1992
Tommy E. Nester	XI RCSM	1992
Dennis E. Webster	XII RCSM	1992-1994
Robert A. Murphy	XIII RCSM	1994-1998
Timothy R. Steiner	XIV RCSM	1998-2001
David A. Hartzell, Jr.	XV RCSM	2001-2002
John R. Caldwell	XVI RCSM	2002-2005
William J. Burns	XVII RCSM	2005-



## Appendix G

### **COMPLETE TEXT OF GENERAL SCOTT'S REMARKS TO THE REGIMENT AT CONTRERAS**

“When the Mounted Rifles reached Contreras on August 19 and 20, they began a battle which became a 17-minute dart from the rear and ended in the capture of Contreras and all it contained.... Sergeant Hiram Dryer and the other men – dirty, hungry, and tired – threw themselves on the ground to rest. Then General Scott rode up! Of course, every man in the Regiment, with cap off, was on his feet in a moment. Immediately, a shout was heard that would have delighted the heart of any true soldier, no matter what his rank. When quiet was restored, the general addressed the men:

Brave Rifles, veterans – you have been baptized in fire and blood and come out steel. Where bloody work was to be done, “the Rifles” was the cry, and there they were. All speak of them in terms of praise and admiration. What can I say? What shall I say? Language cannot express my feelings of gratitude for your gallant conduct in the terrible conflict of yesterday and this morning. But, my brave boys, in the course of one hour more you will be engaged in a more sanguinary engagement than the one you have just passed through, and I hope and trust that you will take the same noble stand you did yesterday and this morning. And now, men of the Rifle Regiment, you may rest assured that a grateful country will reward you for your gallant deeds through this campaign. Goodbye for the present, and God bless you all.

*First Sergeant Sam McCurdy  
Company D, Mounted Rifles*



## **Appendix H**

### **UNITS ATTACHED TO TASK FORCE RIFLES DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM I**

A Company, 122 Engineer Battalion  
A Company, 224th MI BN (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle)  
A Company (detachment), 325th Military Intelligence Battalion  
A Company, 411th Civil Affairs Battalion  
B Company, 16th Signal Battalion, 3rd Signal Brigade  
B Company, 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 504th MI BDE  
B Company (detachment), 323rd Military Intelligence Battalion  
B Company, 325th Military Intelligence Battalion  
C Company, 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry  
C Company, 16th Signal Battalion, 3rd Signal Brigade  
C Company, 890th Engineer Battalion  
F Company, 106th Aviation Battalion  
G Company, 285th Air Traffic Services  
HHC, 122 Engineer Battalion  
1st Platoon, B Company, 489th (M) Engineers  
1st Platoon, 151st Adjutant General Company (postal)  
1st Company, 1st Peacekeeping Battalion, Azerbaijani Special Brigade  
1st Battalion, 124th Infantry  
Detachment 1, 2nd BN, 116th Field Artillery (FIST)  
2nd Platoon, E Company (LRSD), 51st Infantry (ABN)  
2nd PLT, D Company, 1st BN, 94th Field Artillery (Acquisition Radar)  
2nd Battalion, 5th Field Artillery  
3rd Bn, 187th Inf, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT)  
54th Engineer Battalion  
94th Military Police Company  
141st Military Intelligence Battalion (detachment)  
142nd Combat Support Battalion  
165th Military Intelligence Battalion (detachment)  
223rd Military Intelligence Battalion (detachment)  
234th Field Artillery Detachment  
274th Quartermaster Company (Shower, Laundry, Clothing Repair)  
297th Quartermaster Company (Rough Terrain Cargo Handler)  
323 Engineer Detachment (Fire Fighting)  
432nd Civil Affairs Battalion (detachment)  
502nd Personnel Service Detachment  
528th Quartermaster Company (Fuel System Supply Point)

761st Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal)  
936th Forward Surgical Team  
974th Quartermaster Company  
1270th Tactical Pysops Detachment  
1308th Engineer Detachment (Topographic)  
2133rd Transportation Company

## Appendix I

### TASK FORCE RIFLES PERSONNEL WHO DIED DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM I

PFC Vorn J. Mack	HHT, 1/3d ACR
1LT Michael Adams	A Troop, 1/3d ACR
SGT Michael E. Dooley	B Troop, 1/3d ACR
SSG Daniel Bader	ADA Btry, 1/3d ACR
SPC Brian H. Penisten	ADA Btry, 1/3d ACR
SSG Andrew R. Pokorny	ADA Btry, 1/3d ACR
CPT Joshua T. Byers	HHT, 2/3d ACR
SPC Stephen M. Scott	HHT, 2/3d ACR
SGT Thomas F. Broomhead	E Troop, 2/3d ACR
SSG William T Latham	E Troop, 2/3d ACR
SSG Michael B. Quinn	E Troop, 2/3d ACR
PFC Justin W. Pollard.	G Troop, 2/3d ACR
PFC Jesse A. Givens	H Company, 2/3d ACR
SPC Darius T. Jennings	How Btry, 2/3d ACR
PV2 Benjamin L. Freeman	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
SSG Frederick L. Miller, Jr.	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
PFC Armando Soriano	How Btry, 3/3d ACR
CW2 Matthew Laskowski	O Troop, 4/3d ACR
CW2 Stephen Wells	O Troop, 4/3d ACR
SPC Michael A. Diraimondo	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
SPC Christopher A. Golby	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
CW2 Hans N. Gukeisen	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
SGT Richard A. Carl	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
CW2 Phillip A. Johnson	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
CW2 Ian D. Manuel	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
CW3 Brian K. Van Dusen	571st Medical Co, 4/3d ACR
SGT Ernest G. Bucklew	HHT, Support Squadron/3d ACR
MAJ Mathew E. Schram	HHT, Support Squadron/3d ACR
SPC Rian C. Ferguson	S & T Troop, Support Squadron/3d ACR
SGT Taft V. Williams	Maintenance Troop, “ “
SSG Stephen A. Bertolino	AVIM Troop, Support Squadron/3d ACR
SPC Spencer T. Karol	E Company (LRSD), 51st IN (ABN)
SGT Joel Perez	A Battery, 2nd BN, 5th Field Artillery
SSG Joe N. Wilson	A Battery, 2nd BN, 5th Field Artillery
SGT Keelan L. Moss	B Battery, 2nd BN, 5th Field Artillery
SPC Steven D. Conover	C Battery, 2nd BN, 5th Field Artillery
SPC Rafael L. Navea	C Battery, 2nd BN, 5th Field Artillery
SGT Ross A. Pennanen	C Battery, 2nd BN, 5th Field Artillery

SGT Paul F. Fisher  
1LT Brian D. Slavenas  
CW4 Bruce A. Smith  
SGT Paul F. Velazquez  
PFC Karina S. Lau  
PFC Anthony D. D'Agostino  
SSG Richard S. Eaton, Jr.  
SPC Francis M. Vega  
PFC James A. Chance III  
PFC David M. Kirchoff  
SPC Aaron J. Sissel

F Company, 106th Aviation Battalion  
F Company, 106th Aviation Battalion  
F Company, 106th Aviation Battalion  
F Company, 106th Aviation Battalion  
B Company, 16th Signal Battalion  
D Company, 16th Signal Battalion  
B Company, 323rd MI BN, 205th MI BDE  
1st PLT, 151st AG Company (Postal)  
C Company, 890th Engineer Battalion  
2133rd Transportation Company  
2133rd Transportation Company



## **Appendix J**

### **UNITS ATTACHED TO THE 3d ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM III**

2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, 1st Armored Division  
2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division  
2nd Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division  
AOB 390, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special forces Group  
AOB 530, 1st Battalion, 5th Special forces Group  
80th Area Support Team  
98th Area Support Team



## Appendix K

### PERSONNEL ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO THE 3d ACR WHO DIED DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM III

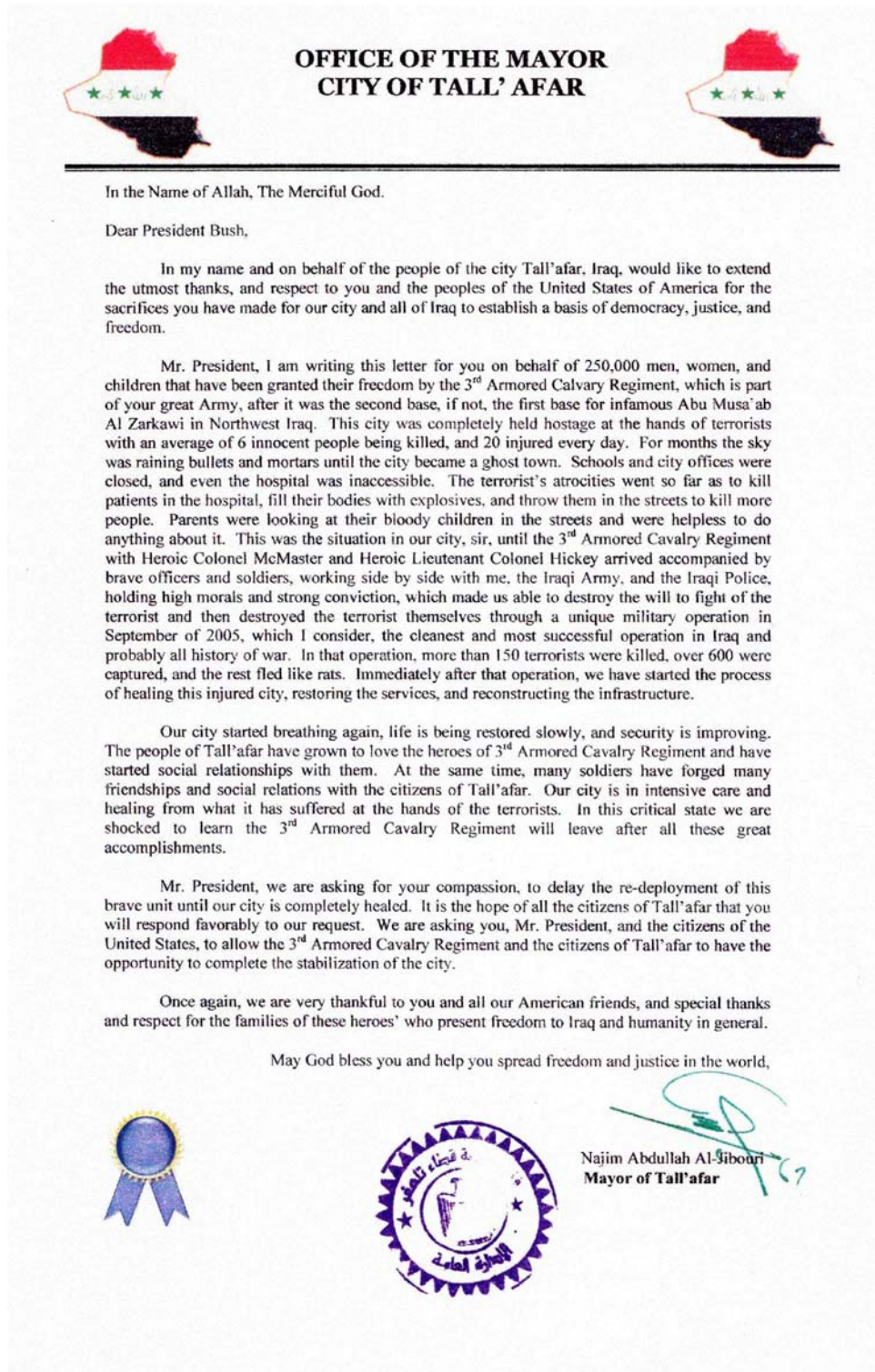
PFC Joseph L. Knott	RHHT, 3d ACR
MAJ Douglas A. La Bouff	RHHT, 3d ACR
MAJ Michael R. Martinez	RHHT, 3d ACR
2LT Charles R. Rubado	C Troop, 1/3d ACR
SPC Joshua T. Brazee	How Btry, 1/3d ACR
SGT Stephen P. Saxton	ADA Btry, 1/3d ACR
SGT Charles T. Wilkerson	ADA Btry, 1/3d ACR
SGT Denis J. Gallardo	E Troop, 2/3d ACR
CPL Joseph L. Martinez	E Troop, 2/3d ACR
SGT Tyrone L. Chisholm	F Troop, 2/3d ACR
SGT Jacob M. Simpson	F Troop, 2/3d ACR
SPC Hoby F. Bradfield, Jr.	G Troop, 2/3d ACR
PFC Robert W. Murray, Jr.	G Troop, 2/3d ACR
SPC Ricky W. Rockholt, Jr.	G Troop, 2/3d ACR
PFC Eric P. Woods	G Troop, 2/3d ACR
SSG Brian L. Freeman	I Troop, 3/3d ACR
CPL Jared W. Kubasak	I Troop, 3/3d ACR
SFC Christopher W. Phelps	I Troop, 3/3d ACR
CPL Robert C. Pope II	I Troop, 3/3d ACR
PFC Mario A. Reyes	I Troop, 3/3d ACR
1LT Justin S. Smith	I Troop, 3/3d ACR
SPC Ernest W. Dallas, Jr.	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
SSG Jason W. Montefering	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
SGT Milton M. Monzon, Jr.	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
PFC Ramon A. Villatoro, Jr.	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
SPC Ronnie D. Williams	K Troop, 3/3d ACR
SPC Eric J. Poelman	L Troop, 3/3d ACR
SPC Brian S. Ulbrich	L Troop, 3/3d ACR
SSG Justin L. Vasquez	L Troop, 3/3d ACR
SFC Eric P. Pearrow	M Company, 3/3d ACR
SGT Timothy J. Sutton	M Company, 3/3d ACR
SSG Scottie L. Bright	How Btry, 3/3d ACR
CPL Lyle J. Cambridge	How Btry, 3/3d ACR
SPC Robert A. Swaney	How Btry, 3/3d ACR
SSG Jeremy A. Brown	66th MI Company, 3/3d ACR
1LT Joseph D. deMoors	66th MI Company, 3/3d ACR
CW2 Dennis P. Hay	P Troop, 4/3d ACR
SGT Timothy R. Boyce	Maintenance Troop, Supt/3d ACR

CPL Jeffrey A. Williams  
SFC Brett E. Walden  
LTC Terrance K. Crowe  
SFC Robert V. Derenda  
SGT Ivan V. Alarcon

Medical Troop, Supt/3d ACR  
1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group  
98th AST Military Transition Team  
80th AST Military Transition Team  
473rd Quartermaster Company

## Appendix L

### LETTER FROM MAYOR NAJIM TO PRSIDENT BUSH





## Appendix M

### LETTER OF APRECIATION FROM MG KHORSHEED, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 3RD IRAQI ARMY INFANTRY DIVISION, TO THE 3d ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT



BY THE NAME OF GOD, THE MOST GRACIOUS,  
THE MOST MERCIFUL



FROM: 3RD IRAQI ARMY INFANTRY DIVISION HEADQUARTERS IN AKMTB  
TO: 3RD ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS

BRAVERY, STRENGTH, DETERMINATION, CORRECT THOUGHT, FLEXIBILITY, KNOWLEDGE, AND IMPARTIALITY. THESE ARE THE FEATURES OF YOUR REGIMENT'S LEADERSHIP THAT ARE DISPLAYED THROUGH PARTICIPATION WITH OUR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, OUR TROOPS, AND THEIR UNITS IN ALL THE DAILY OCCASIONS. YOUR WISE DAILY, OPERATIONAL, AND SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP WAS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN ACHIEVING VICTORY. WE NOTICED CLEARLY THE MAIN FEATURES FOR VICTORY IN YOUR LEADERSHIP. THEY ARE THE SAME FOR EACH PEOPLE OR ARMY WHO ARE LOOKING FOR VICTORY, AND IT IS THE COMMON PURPOSE OF YOUR TROOPERS AND FAITH IN THEIR GOAL ALONG WITH THEIR PRINCIPLES, HIGH MORALS AND FOCUS ON THEIR MISSION, COUPLED WITH PERFECT LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND IMPARTIALITY AND SINCERE LEADERSHIP THAT MAKES YOU THE RIGHT PEOPLE FOR THIS MISSION.

YOUR ABILITIES TO PLAN, THE EXCELLENT COORDINATION, THE OVERALL SUPERVISING AND THE RIGHT DECISIVE DECISIONS ALONG WITH YOUR GREAT LEADERSHIP HAVE HELPED US TO BUILD UP THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER AND INCREASE HIS ABILITIES AS WELL AS THOSE FOR THE PLATOONS, COMPANIES, BATTALIONS, BRIGADES AND DIVISION. IT IS SAID THAT HEAPS OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS CANNOT BUILD A HOUSE AND THE GATHERED PEOPLE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AN ARMY. YOUR LEADERSHIP AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAVE HELPED US FORM AN ARMY FROM THE GATHERED PEOPLE. YOUR BEHAVIOUR AND YOUR ACTIONS HAVE BUILT STRONG FRIENDSHIPS THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME. YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS A FEATURE OF THE WISE LEADERSHIP, WHICH IS THE TREE AND THE REPUTATION YOU LEAVE BEHIND IS THE SHADOW OF THE TREE.

SO WE PRESENT OUR HEARTFELT THANKS, APPRECIATION AND RESPECT TO YOU AS WE TOUCHED DURING THIS PAST PERIOD OF COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AND FIGHTING SIDE BY SIDE. WE ALSO OFFER THE THANKS OF THE DIVISION'S STAFF, NCOS, AND ENLISTED. YOU WILL DISAPPEAR FROM OUR EYES, BUT YOU WILL STAY IN OUR HEARTS. WE SEND OUR GREETINGS TO THE 3RD ACR FIGHTERS AND TO THEIR FAMILIES AND WE WISH ALL OF YOU TO GET BACK HOME SAFELY UNDER VICTORY'S FLAG.

WITH GOD'S CARE



MAJOR GENERAL  
KHORSHEED SALEEM AL-DOSEKEY  
3RD IA INFANTRY DIVISION COMMANDER  
JANUARY 2006







## Appendix N

### CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF THE REGIMENT

#### Configuration of Maneuver Squadrons

##### Armored Cavalry Squadrons

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop  
Cavalry Troop  
Cavalry Troop  
Cavalry Troop  
Tank Company  
Self-propelled Howitzer Battery  
Attachment(s)\*

##### Aviation Squadron

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop  
Attack Troop  
Attack Troop  
Attack Troop  
Lift Troop  
Aviation Unit Maintenance Troop  
Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Troop

#### 3d Armored Cavalry (*Brave Rifles*) Regiment

Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters (*Remington*) Troop

##### 1st (*Tiger*) Squadron

Headquarters (*Roughrider*) Troop  
A (*Apache*) Troop  
B (*Bandit*) Troop  
C (*Crazyhorse*) Troop  
D (*Dragon*) Company  
Howitzer (*King*) Battery

##### 2nd (*Saber*) Squadron

Headquarters (*Rattlers*) Troop  
E (*Eagle*) Troop  
F (*Fox*) Troop  
G (*Grim*) Troop  
H (*Heavy*) Company  
Howitzer (*Red Lions*) Battery  
43rd Engineer (*Sapper*) Company\*

##### 3rd (*Thunder*) Squadron

Headquarters (*Havoc*) Troop  
I (*Ironhawk*) Troop  
K (*Killer*) Troop  
L (*Lightning*) Troop  
M (*Mad Dog*) Company  
Howitzer (*Regulator*) Battery  
66th (*Ghost Rider*) Military Intelligence Company\*

##### 4th (*Long Knife*) Squadron

Headquarters (*Headhunter*) Troop  
N (*Nomad*) Troop  
O (*Outlaw*) Troop  
P (*Pegasus*) Troop  
S (*Stetson*) Troop  
T (*Tomahawk*) Troop  
AVUM Troop  
AVIM Troop

### Support (*Mule Skinner*) Squadron

Headquarters (*Bullwhip*) Troop  
Supply and Transportation (*Packhorse*) Troop  
Medical (*Scalpel*) Troop  
Maintenance (*Blacksmith*) Troop  
89th Chemical (*Chemdawgs*) Company

### **Weapons Systems and Aircraft**

M1A2 SEP Abrams main battle tank	41 per squadron (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
M3A3 Bradley cavalry fighting vehicle	41 per squadron (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
M109A6 Paladin 155mm self-propelled howitzer	6 per squadron (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
M121 120mm mortar carrier	6 per squadron (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
AH-64D Apache attack helicopter	8 per troop (N, O, P)
UH-60L Blackhawk utility helicopter	10 per troop (S)

### **Traditional Cavalry Missions**

#### Reconnaissance Operations

Zone Reconnaissance  
Area Reconnaissance

#### Security Operations

Screen  
Guard  
Cover



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